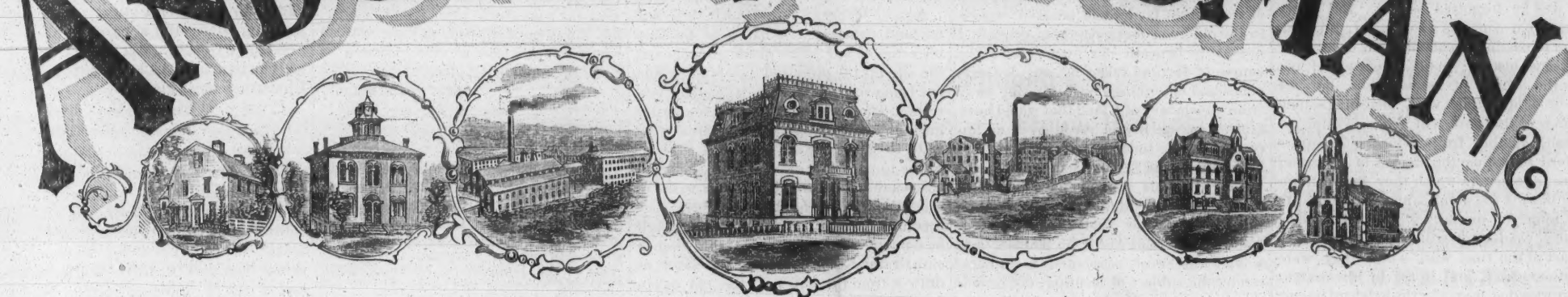


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Summary of Daily News.

FRIDAY, Dec. 30.
Snow, blow, zero, east and west.
Train goes through a trestle on Pittsburg
and Western Road in Pennsylvania, pre-
cipitated thirty feet and burned; several
persons badly injured, but no lives lost;
locomotive left on the track, with engineer
and fireman in their seats.

On another road in same state, the last
car of an express train goes over an embank-
ment 100 feet high; one man fatally injured.
O'Connell-Williams, a notorious burglar,
who escaped from Pittsfield jail a few weeks
ago, recaptured and returned.

SATURDAY, Dec. 31.
Severe cold and storms all over the
country.

Fires: Shoe factory in Strafford, N. H.;
house and barn and stock near Nashua, N.
H.; A. C. Andrews' house in Gloucester;
Iron Works in Kansas City owned by
Charles Francis Adams of Boston; Chemical
Works in Camden, N. J.; the town of Hicks-
ville, Ohio; business houses in Memphis;
and Immanuel church (Presbyterian) in
Milwaukee.

Railroad collision near Meadville, Pa.;
both engineers and three others killed, and
nine persons fatally injured.

Pope's jubilee in Rome begins.

SUNDAY, Jan. 1, 1888.
New Year begins with a rain-storm.
More fires: a molding mill at Melrose; in a
shoe manufactory at Lynn; wash-board
manufactory at Saco, Me. (incendiary); farm
buildings and cattle in Belmont, N. H.; saw
and grist mills at Norway, Me.; brewery of-
fice at Pittsfield; a \$200,000 distillery at
Peoria, Ill.; business portion of Egg Harbor
City, N. J.; the ancient Seminary Chapel at
Quebec with its valuable pictures.

MONDAY, Jan. 2.
Usual reception at the White House,
Washington.
Seymour Mfg Co. works at Seymour, Ct.
burned, and also the Alhambra Theatre at
Antwerp.

Inauguration Day in Massachusetts cities.

TUESDAY, Jan. 3.
President Cleveland issues proclamation
warning Texan parties as to certain Red
River lands in the Indian Territory, which
they have claimed.

New York legislature convenes, and elects
Fremont Cole as speaker.

Number of striking coal miners in the
Pennsylvania coal regions said to be 30,000.
Los Angeles Furniture Company's work-
shop burned in Los Angeles, Cal.; loss, \$200,
000.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4.
General Court convenes.
Congress re-assembles.

Collision of two express trains in Holland;
twenty-six persons killed.

Great hurricane in the Irish channel; part
of Fastnet Rock tumbles into the sea, and
the light-keepers in terror.

A party of fourteen young people at Holy-
oke coasting on a double sled are wrecked;
one girl killed, others of the party badly in-
jured. At Pittsfield also a collision of sleds
occurred, by which a young man and a
young woman were seriously, if not fatally,
injured.

THURSDAY, Jan. 5.
State dinner at the White House.

Farmers' Institute at Topsfield discuss the
tariff. President Ware taking the side of
Protection.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Langworthy, well known in
connection with the American Congrega-
tional Association and the Congregational
Library in Boston, dies in Chelsea at the age
of eighty-one.

Various News Items.

A significant sign of the times is the grow-
ing public interest taken in the fishery ques-
tion. A great meeting was held in Phila-
delphia on Tuesday under the auspices of
the National Fisheries Association. Gov.
Beaver presided and Gen. Cogswell of Salem
made an address. A vigorous set of resolu-
tions were passed, calling upon the Presi-
dent to exercise his right of refusing to
Canadian vessels the privileges they deny to
our fishermen, and upon Congress to make
the import duties on Canadian fish the same
in amount as those imposed by Canada on
American fish. A meeting of the Executive
Board of this Association was held in Bos-
ton on Saturday. Stirring speeches were
made by Hon. Richard S. Spofford, Hon.
Charles Levi Woodbury and others, and a
plan proposed of commercial union with
any neighboring province which may desire
admission as one of the United States.

One of the most serious railroad accidents
of the week is that on the Cincinnati South-
ern Road in Kentucky, which occurred on
Saturday. The conductor of the Chatta-
nooga train, bound north, mistook Summit
for Somerset in reading his orders, and ran
down grade at 50 miles the hour in order to
make the latter place, colliding with another
fast train, both boilers exploding, the trains
taking fire, and about twenty persons
perishing.

Our law makers, state and national, have
got at their winter's work. In the United
States Senate, under the resolutions as
to the President's message, John Sher-
man made a long and strong speech on
the tariff question, Senator Voorhies follow-
ing in defense of the Administration. In
the House, many bills were offered—among
them, one by our representative, Hon.
Charles H. Allen, for the erection of a pub-
lic building at Lowell, and one by Mr. Ding-
ley of Maine, to prevent danger to ocean
navigation by rafts of logs.

The General Court at Boston organized
quickly and quietly, all the old officers be-
ing re-elected. Hon. Halsey J. Boardman is
President of the Senate, E. Herbert Clapp,
Clerk of the Senate, John G. B. Adams (of
Lynn) Sergeant-at-Arms, and Rev. Edmund
Dowse of Sherborn, Chaplain. The House
officers are Hon. Charles J. Noyes, Speaker;
Edward A. McLaughlin Clerk; Rev. D. W.
Waldron, Chaplain.

There are twenty-three cities in the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts. None of them
are very old. Many will perhaps be sur-
prised to know that Boston, the ancient and
honorable capital of the state, was incor-
porated as lately as 1822, John Phillips, who
entered Phillips Academy in the first year
of that school (1778) at seven years of age,
being the first Mayor, and Josiah Quincy,
the elder, who came to Andover with him,
at the same time—a year younger still—the
second Mayor. All these cities inaugurated
their new governments on Monday, Jan. 2.

The successor of Phillips and Quincy, Hugh
O'Brien, was escorted into the Council
Chamber of the City Hall by Sheriff O'Brien,
and after prayer by Father Magennis of
Jamaica Plain, the Chaplain of the day, was
administered the oath of office by Chief
Justice Morton. The Mayor strongly claimed
in his address that the government of Bos-
ton is entirely non-partisan. He reported
the gross debt of the city as in round num-
bers \$49,000,000, and the net debt, \$28,-
000,000, an increase of over a million and a
quarter during the year.

In Salem, the next oldest city (1839),
Mayor Raymond stated that the net bonded
debt is now \$954,000, a decrease of \$90,000.
He urged prompt attention to the matter of
the city's water supply, and also that liquor
saloons be closed at 10 o'clock in the even-
ing, and on legal holidays. The rate of
taxation in Salem is \$16 per \$1000.

Lowell, only a week younger than Salem,
reports through Mayor Palmer, a net in-
debtedness of a little over \$2,000,000. He
made the statement that 457 liquor licenses
had been granted against 219, ten years ago,
and that drunkenness had steadily increased
with the increase of licenses.

Mayor Russell of Cambridge (city in 1840)
reports a decrease of \$200,000 in the city
debt since 1884, and says that, as the citizens
have voted that no liquor shall be sold, he
accepts the responsibility of enforcing their
wish.

Mayor Carleton, of Haverhill, recommended
the enforcement of the liquor law against
all offenders, without fear or favor.

Mayor Wiggin, of Malden (nearly seven
years old) devoted a good part of his mes-
sage to the water supply, and asked for a
sufficient police force to enforce the liquor
law more effectually.

At Lawrence (incorporated 1853) Mayor-
elect Mack was sworn in by Judge Stone, after
prayer by Rev. Wm. E. Wolcott. The inau-
gural address said that the city had reached
the limit of indebtedness. He urged a com-
mission of inquiry into the need of a new
city charter, the present one not providing
the security for good government and honest
administration that it should. Wm. Knox
was chosen City Solicitor, Clinton P. Vose
City Marshal, and Wm. H. Merrow City
Messenger.

CHIPS AND CLIPS.

There is nothing like making one's Christ-
mas wants known, in the local paper or
otherwise. A Belfast (Me.) woman gave out
that she wanted a calico apron, and she re-
ceived forty-one calico aprons. At Green-
field, Mass., so important a man as one of
the honorable selectmen happened to ex-
press the wish that some friend would pre-
sent him with an umbrella, and, the desire
being quietly circulated, umbrellas of every
kind and size and color were sent him,
some by express, some by mail, some by
special messenger—it rained umbrellas!

About this time of the year the multitu-
dinous small boy opens the door, admits 8000
gallons of cold air and yells in telescoped
falsetto, "gimmeacalendarmister."

The above is from the *Lynn Item*, but is a
true statement of the case in Andover, as
may be attested by inquiry at the Merrimack
Insurance office, Parker's apothecary store,
and at "these headquarters!"

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Preserving Letters.

Do not burn your letters, except, perhaps, those of a business character, relating to things which possess no interest beyond some present occasion, and may as well be forgotten as not. But every letter that contains a sentiment, an allusion to passing events or items of local or personal history, should be preserved, not for the benefit of its possessor, but for those of after time, who, mousing among things of the past, will realize a mine of wealth in the fruits which old letters afford regarding the doings of a former time, concerning which they know nothing beyond the great things of the past to be found in newspaper files and books. These old letters will disclose the very heart of the time with which they were contemporary, and form in themselves histories that it may be the height of importance to know, which may shed on ancestral matters a light that shall make a good name glow with a splendor that will consecrate its source. Such old letters do this where least premeditated, that served only as expressions of fond regard, or described the movements of those then forming the families in whose interest and for whose information they were written; but the old time domestic atmosphere still clings about them, and we know the thoughts and feelings of their authors as if we were moving among them. Although their expressions may not be classically correct their meanings are plain, and the affection then apparent awakens a sympathetic emotion in ourselves. "The eyes that shone" are rekindled to fancy, and the home voices of joy, or pain, or care, resound in our ears, and the past becomes a living present, through the "touch of nature that makes the whole world akin."

To strangers as well as those most intimately interested, old letters, whatever their source and however humble their objects, are of essential moment, even to the items of family health and the remembrance of friends, and no fact, however small, but has its attractions. The marriages and deaths of friends, the birth of children, the vicissitudes and struggles with adverse fate told to ears then alive to receive the intelligence given in the honest terms of mutual confidence, are read with the greatest avidity by other generations, when all who were concerned have long since passed away, and these letters are perhaps all the evidences left that the parties to the life's drama had ever existed.

I have, in my own experiences, a distinguished example of the interest that attaches to old letters. It has been my privilege, within a few months, to peruse, and arrange in files, a series of such missives, dating from 1815 and extending down to nearly the present time. The series forms, without intending it, the history for fifty years of a family divided by the Atlantic, but, though separated, preserving a unity of feeling and an affectionate regard, that annulled all inconveniences of distance and rendered a family reunion a thing of necessity subsequently upon our own shores. That was at a time when there were no stated facilities as now for the interchange of letters, and weary months intervened between the dates of their transmission and reception, and hearts grew sick from the delay but the feeling was unabated, and the letters were crowded with incidents that gave life to the correspondence, with love more ardent for the delay. Postage was then a burden, when twenty-five cents was exacted for a "single" letter per ship.

The foreign letters treat upon every subject of interest, public and private, giving news of the country's disturbance and industrial and moral effects of war and the depressions of trade; describing a state of things where mechanics were glad to work for six shillings per week without being able to obtain employment that rat, where the starvation of the people was imminent and the government blamed, where immorality was rampant and crime wide spread, mingled with which and redeeming the dark picture, were notes of grand friendship and love strengthened by ad-

versity, and unrepressed hope and determined struggle, and pious faith, undimmed by sad environment, and filial, parental, and fraternal affection, that glowed all the brighter for the dark surroundings.

And all the letters, though not intending it, effect one object. They throw light upon a character that culminated in Andover, and gave to that locality many evidences of a power for good that was ever active in well doing, which, turning back, directed and subdued the adverse elements that lay around beloved objects in the old home and gave them peace and prosperity beneath our own skies. The course of fortune taken by an inexperienced and determined boy, breaking away from the slavery of a land that would have crushed his spirit and left him but an uncompensated toiler (as gleaned from letters) presents a grand example of ambition, while his subsequent conduct all through his early life, backed by inviolate integrity, a tender filial affection and a fraternal love that knew no bounds, and a later career of broadened usefulness, render the subject of mention, not prominent by his own words or pretension, one of the grandest characters of his time.

This one sketch affords but an illustration of the benefit of old letters, and though such as we flee away to-day are but the things of to-day, they will be old when we who receive them are gone, and our heirs may bless us for the means afforded for studying our characters by like contemporaneous testimony as is presented in the foregoing—that is if we deserve any credit for what we may have done. This may lead some to hesitate, but the risk is worth incurring, for nothing else than to show that we lived at all, and, if the record be for good, thank God for it!

Chelsea, Dec. 15, 1887.

The Water Question Again.

In the last issue of the TOWNSMAN, an article by a citizen on Water Supply begins with the very proper suggestion that this is a matter that requires thought and careful consideration. But why is it necessary to delay that consideration or why should not the citizens discuss this question in town meeting at an early opportunity?

The committee appointed by the town to have surveys made and to secure an act from the Legislature, authorizing the town to supply its inhabitants with water, have performed their duty, the report has been distributed to the citizens, the act has been granted by the Legislature and the town has accepted that act. Now, under the provisions of that act the town shall choose Water Commissioners who shall have charge of the whole matter under instructions from the town; if the town does not see fit to make an appropriation to carry out the work, or if they are not decided as to the best course to pursue, certainly no one can be injured.

"Citizen" considers the report of the engineers as one-sided and rose-colored, and of course he is entitled to his opinion. That report gives estimates from the different sources of supply (and I agree with "Citizen" that the proper source is Haggett's Pond), and the cost of taking water from Haggett's Pond and adopting the reservoir plan they estimate at 160,000, instead of costing as stated, one quarter more. The engineers who made the estimates are ready to contract to do the work in a thorough manner and give bonds that the work shall be satisfactory for a sum less than the estimates.

The statement is also made that a system of water works without a sewerage system is "like a pump without a handle." That is a very curious statement for an intelligent man to make, for there are many towns that have a water supply and no system of sewerage. But we acknowledge there are parts of this town that will require sewerage in the near future whether we get water or not. But is it not much better to get along as far as possible, with our present plan of cesspools and vaults and get our supply of water from a source where we are not liable to have our water polluted by these cesspools and vaults? I question if there is a well in the thickly settled parts of the town where the water is not more or less polluted from these causes. As to the expense of a sewerage system he jumps at the conclusion that it would cost the town

\$200,000 and seems to base his estimate on the fact that the pipes will have to be larger than the water pipes. Of course they will, but will they be as expensive? I have heard the statement made by men of good judgment that a sewerage system could be secured for one-fourth the amount assumed by "Citizen." But before that question can be intelligently discussed we should have some proper estimates from those competent to do such work.

Again, "Citizen" figures up a large sum for land damages. What does he base his estimate on? The picnic grounds and the site for the proposed reservoir would not bring so large a sum if bought outright. The expense of introducing water into the house cost in other places from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per tap, so far as expense to the town is concerned; why should it cost more in this town? If any wish to carry the water into their chambers they certainly have that privilege, but may well be content with a faucet in the kitchen sink, rather than pump their water or draw it from the well by "the old-oaken bucket." Those whose houses are already plumbed to carry water through the house or those that choose to do so, no doubt could get their water at less expense from a public water supply, than it now costs to pump it by hand from their wells or cistern.

Why on the whole is it not much better to consider this whole question fairly without allowing the imagination to carry us either way, getting what reliable information we can and using the best judgment we have. Other towns have supplied themselves with water and I have yet to learn of one town that has not been benefited by so doing, while many towns that have allowed private corporations to furnish their supply have had reason to regret it. Very few towns in this Commonwealth, if any, of the size and wealth of our own town, but has a water supply. It would be wrong to do an injustice to any citizen to tax him where he was to receive no benefit, but what will benefit one part of the town will benefit the whole. We allow it will increase the rate of taxation for a time, but not to the extent to injure any one, and after a few years the town will have a property of value that will enhance the value of all the real estate in the town.

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

AULD LANG-SYNE.

The Old Railroad.

Mr. Editor: Among the Auld Lang-syne reminiscences of Andover, I have seen no allusion to the first starting of the Railroad here. I think there are not a great many people living here now, who remember that event. It is strongly impressed upon my mind for being at that time (June, 1836) confined to my bed by sickness, the laying of the rails, and the consequent noise of hammering them together caused me great discomfort. The railroad came through Mrs. Jona. Swift's garden and front yard (the depot being the building now used by Mr. Walsh as a tin shop), crossed Central Street in front of the house where Mr. Samuel Phillips now resides, and directly in front of the house known as the Squire Kneeland house, through the front part of Mr. Tyler's garden, under a bridge which crossed School Street, back of Mr. Ripley's and the Ezra Abbott house on to "the Junction" which I think was at Wilmington. It was a great sight for Andover, when the cars passed for the first time under the bridge on School Street; it was crowded with men, women, and children, and then to get a ride to the Junction—that was a glorious affair, so much so, that the happy couple who could not afford a long wedding trip, took one to the "Junction," and were probably as well satisfied as many who spend their hundreds of dollars sightseeing in Washington or Europe.

I have no recollection how long the railroad remained in that part of the town, but it was a dangerous place both to travellers and horses, and I remember sitting at my window on the opposite side of the street, and seeing the roof of the Squire Kneeland house take fire from the sparks from the engine; but the house being low studded, and the roof near the ground, the fire was easily reached and a few pails of water stopped further trouble.

(It was called the Kneeland house, but Squire Kneeland had been dead some years then, and I think it was occupied at that time by Mr. Jones, father of Mrs. Eben Tyler.)

It was not long before they decided to move the railroad back from the centre of the town, and the spot decided upon had to cross the Shawshine river, and a great undertaking it was to turn the course of the river, to make a place for the railroad; men and horses worked day and night to keep the water back from its old course, but it was accomplished, and the railroad where it now is, has as safe a location as could be found in Andover.

CHESTNUT STREET.

An Old-time Joke.

A correspondent furnishes the following reminiscence, which, we suppose, is a good specimen of the quaint style of humor employed in the old time. The incident is certainly very creditable to the staunch principles—especially in that early stage of the temperance reformation—of Principal Newman, and to the wit, if not to any other qualities, of the party of the second part, whose name is not given:

Those who remember good old Deacon Mark Newman know him to have been a consistent, strong, and thorough temperance man. He was not only temperate himself, but he labored also to have others become so. There was a laboring man, of intemperate habits, in whom the deacon took a great interest, and often talked with upon the subject, and tried to persuade to give up his drinking habits and become a steady man. One day this man was sawing wood in a yard adjoining the sidewalk where the deacon passed when going from his house to his office. It was an icy morning, and as the deacon passed he slipped and fell flat on the sidewalk. The man stopped his work, and looking where the deacon lay, said in a voice loud enough to be heard by him, "I wish there could never be another drop of rum sold in Andover."

W. H. F.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE.

Those Christmas Presents once more.

And now we have the children's reports—short, plain, and to the point. They are model letters—they tell the whole story, say Good-by and stop. We are very much interested in reading them, and think all our readers will be also. What lively times there must have been when all these stockings with their various and curious contents were emptied out! And how much happiness all these children—bless their little hearts—will have all along the year from the books and the toys and the tools and the games and the gossamers! We don't wonder the letter-writers had a hard time with *colone*—we can hardly spell it ourselves. (Do the children know where it is on the map?) We wonder what the Five Senses were which William B. got. We thought all the children had five senses, before Christmas! The poor whites in the South talk about *five senses*—but they mean nickels! We are not able to print all the letters this time—those at the end of the alphabet will have to wait till next week.

What the Girls got.

Dear Mr. Editor: I thought I would tell you what I got for Christmas. I got a book, named Good Cheer, and a cut-up locomotive, and two pocket handkerchiefs. Good-by, EMILY A.

Mr. Editor: I had at Christmas a doll's hammock, a work basket and two other baskets, a doll's waterproof, a book named Wide Awake, and Good Cheer, three or four cards, a bottle of cloan, three hair-ribbons, a doll's long dress, a comb and brush.

Yours truly, LOTTIE B.

Dear Mr. Editor: I had a nice time Christmas, and got many presents. I got a doll, a silk wrap, a

bottle of clogne, a pair of skates, a scrap-book. Yours truly,

KATIE D.

Dear Mr. Editor: I had candy and nuts and oranges and bananas and dates and figs, and I got a handkerchief, and a ring, and a silk handkerchief, and a book, and a gossamer. I had a nice time in the afternoon I went down to the pond. Good-by, JULIA D.

Dear Mr. Editor: I got a tea-set and drawing slate and a pair of rubbers and a story-book and a pair of gloves at Christmas. And I went visiting Christmas morning.

From your friend, MAGGIE M.

Dear Mr. Editor: I thought I would write to you and tell you what I got Christmas. I got a work-box, and an autograph album, and a silver thimble, and three pounds of candy, a bottle of cologne, and a book, and a scent bag, and a little doll's piano, and a set of doll's jewelry. Well, I can't think of anything more to write, so good-by, from LOTTIE M.

Dear Mr. Editor: I got a tea-set and an autograph album and a pad for a penny. I played with my tea-set, and I had for tea orange juice, and for milk I had water, and I had sugar to put in the orange juice. We ate nuts and candy and cake, and we had a nice time. And we played band.

Yours truly, NELLIE R.

I would like to let you know what I had for Christmas. Well, I had two dolls and a Chatterbox book, a sled, and as I have no more time I will end my letter. Yours truly, JANE R.

Dear Mr. Editor: I got a new piano, and it is a very nice one. I got my kid gloves, I got fifteen books, I got some cards, I got one handkerchief, I got a dollar and a rose jar, I got a ring with a little lamb on it. Your Friend, ANNIE S.

What the Boys got.

Andover, Jan. 2.

Dear Mr. Editor: I received at Christmas a pair of nickel-plated skates, a sled, a pair of rubber boots, the Youth's Companion for a year, two books, a pair of gloves, a necktie, a box of candy, and other things; the hen did not come.

WARREN A.

Dear Mr. Editor: I had a football and a box of paints, and a box of animals, slips, and United States to put together, and a coat, the Five Senses, and a card. Good-by,

WILLIAM B.

My Dear Friend: I had a pair of skates, a large tool-chest, and the map of United States, and a jack in the box, and some more things.

HARRY B.

My Dear Friend: I have had a very nice time. I had for my presents a book, and the name of it was Wide Awake. And I had a box of paints and a drawing slate, and a pair of rubber boots. Good-by,

EDWARD H.

Dear Mr. Editor: I had my comforter, and my book autograph, and a pencil to go with it, and an orange, and some candy.

ALEXANDER L.

Dear Mr. Editor: I had a good time at Christmas. Sandy Clos. brot me a new book and a new pair of rubbers, and some new skates, and a pop gun and a jump Jack and a mouse on a stick and a horn.

JAMES L.

I had a magic lantern, and some candy, oranges, figs, dates, Jack in the box, and album, a card, a little man named Jumping Jack, a Christmas supper, a pocket handkerchief. The end.

WILLIE P.

I had a nice time Christmas. I got a football and a lot of other nice things. I went to a Christmas tree at the South church Christmas afternoon. Yours truly,

THOMAS R.

FARMERS' COLUMN.

Insect Nuisances.

A few from this vicinity were able to attend the Farmers' Institute recently held at Bradford. We take part of the *New England Farmer's* report of Mr. T. C. Thurlow's valuable paper on "Insects injurious to Vegetation."

Some insects that once were troublesome seem to have left us: at one time whole forests of oaks in Maine were stripped of their foliage by caterpillars; a few years ago, the spruce trees from that State had black burrs, and it seemed as though the spruce would be killed out; the Palmer worm was very destructive for a year or two, and the scale louse that made trouble among Florida orange trees is now leaving. Many insects have come to stay. The canker worm was found on the elms when the country was settled; owing to the number of birds and the scarcity of fruit trees, it did but little damage for many years, yet of late it is the worst pest with which I have to contend.

I set out 4000 apple trees between 1850 and 1860 but the canker worms attacked them so, I saved only about one thousand by the use of printers' ink. Since then I have kept the trees protected for about forty dollars a year. About four years ago I received \$2500 for one crop, so that it has paid for the work. I tack a strip of tarred paper around the tree and keep it covered with printers' ink during the season that the moths are ascending. I have had much trouble with borers among small trees, and washing the trunk with strong soap-suds, the more soap the better, or potash-water, 1 lb. potash to 1 gal. water, the last of June or first of July when the moths have laid their eggs in the bark, and so destroy eggs and young borers; the potash being left near the roots benefits the tree; if any one of the borers escape and work into the tree, they may be followed up with copper wire and easily destroyed. The tent caterpillar is sometimes very destructive and next spring will be thick in our vicinity. I keep to the old-fashioned way of cleaning them off with a stiff, conical brush on a pole, just after hatching. This takes nearly all and costs but a cent or two per tree; it should be done early in the morning or when rainy, to catch them all home; I had a good crop of apples this year owing to killing off the caterpillars in this way.

We need to study the habits of insects closely if we would conquer them, and to do this, takes years of observation. Birds are their natural enemies, and it is sad to see them so fast disappearing; for in losing our native common birds, the robin, bobolink, thrush and others, we are losing one of the greatest attractions to rural life. Many robins are shot each winter in Florida for food, and the bobolinks are suffering the same persecution in North Carolina, while in our own country, gunners from the cities shoot tame quails in our door-yards, and the marsh birds along the coast; by the loss of the latter the grasshoppers are fast increasing. The ladies' hats also devour millions of our beautiful birds. We need a national law to protect our native birds, for no State laws can efficiently do the work.

Robert Bonner's Horses.

The *New York World* publishes, in connection with the recent retirement of Robert Bonner from the *New York Ledger*, a list of the notable horses he has bought since 1850. The list numbers 42 horses, and the total price paid, \$426,325—averaging a little over \$10,000 each. Maud S. bought in 1884, cost him \$40,000, and her present value may be inferred from the following:

Since Mr. Bonner purchased Maud S. he has been offered for her \$100,000 through that veteran roadster, Joseph Harker, but the offer was refused. Then Mr. Harker told him that the person who wanted the mare would give \$125,000, but Mr. Bonner replied, "You might as well ask me to sell one of my own children. The mare is not for sale at any price."

The *Leicester Journal* advocates the planting of apple trees in pastures, the windfalls of which will be readily picked up by the stock—especially if they are sweet apples—the regular yield to be fed out in the winter. The writer recommends the High Top Sweeting and Tahman Sweet as particularly suitable for this purpose.

HOUSE AND HOME.

Mrs. Cleveland's Brown Bread.

Although not written specially for the TOWNSMAN, we have a recipe for brown bread from the wife of the President. Whether she makes all the bread used at the White House, or whether this is any better than the rule given by a "practical housekeeper" in Andover we do not know. But this ought to be tested on its own merits—Mrs. Cleveland's cooking may be good, even though we do not agree with Mr. Cleveland's views on the tariff:

Mrs. Cleveland was asked to contribute to a church-fair cook book last spring and the following is an account of how the recipe was procured as given by the lady making the request: "I wanted very much to get a recipe from Mrs. Cleveland, but I feared that, as she was such a young housekeeper, she might not have any to suggest, and I took with me the recipe of an eminent cook in New York for a certain cake. I intended to tell her that I knew it was good and that she need have no hesitation in recommending it. When I proposed this, however, she replied that she preferred to give a recipe of her own, and that she would write me out one for brown bread which she was accustomed to use, and which she had found to be invariably successful. She then handed me the recipe.

One bowl of Indian meal, one bowl rye flour, one bowl sour milk, one large cup of molasses, one teaspoonful soda, one tablespoonful salt. Steam two and one-half hours, and bake from twenty minutes to one half hour, depending upon heat of oven.—*New England Farmer*.

Bread without Yeast.

"Salt-rising" bread was the bread of the farmer's wife a generation ago. In her hands, and with the materials at her command, it was as reliable as the grain crop itself. She had good wheat from her husband's fields, fresh ground at the neighboring mill, in the old fashioned way. It was neither adulterated by miller or merchant, nor spoiled by weather or time. But the city housewife of to-day must take flour from unknown lands, made by novel processes, never fresh, and often anything but good. These circumstances are sufficient to account for most of her failures. It is certain that no success is possible unless the materials are fresh and prepared in such manner as to retain the necessary qualities. It is not less important that arrangements should be made to secure correct and even temperature during the process. For this purpose the means usually adopted is to mix the sponge in a crock or pitcher, and to set the latter in a crock, pot, or kettle containing hot water, and placed on the stove or range at the farthest point from the fire. Very strict attention is required to prevent the water from becoming too hot or too cool.

A better plan is to place the crock in a large wooden bucket, well warmed and dry, with close fitting lid which is covered carefully with a thick woollen cloth, and set in a warm place near a steady fire. By turning the bucket around occasionally the heat is retained with little variation. The crock or whatever is used, must be perfectly clean, and especially free from suspicion of anything greasy or sour. Into the crock sift a pound of warmed flour, and in the middle of the flour stir slowly a pint of water at 90 degrees. Then beat, with quick, hard strokes, into a batter—not smooth and uniformly moist, but with portions of dry flour around and through the mass. It will appear foamy, and should begin to rise immediately. In four hours it will be light, and is then to be stirred into the dough pan, in which are ready three pounds of flour and one quart of water at 90 degrees. This mixture is kneaded, with an additional pound of flour and one ounce of salt, into a smooth dough, and moulded and baked in the same manner as yeast bread. Special care is required to keep off currents of air. The pan should be deep, and the loaves should be closely covered, until they have been in the oven ten or fifteen minutes. This dough requires less kneading than yeast bread, is not so light and inflated, and for that reason must be baked more slowly. The grain is close, the crust thin and tender, and the flavor excellent.

—M. J. Morgan in *Christian Union*.

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The article on "Preserving Letters," con-
tributed to our columns by a well-known
writer will be of interest not only on ac-
count of its valuable suggestions, but from
the reference to an honored Andover family
which our readers will recognize.

We believe we could not do our sub-
scribers a better service in this first issue of
the New Year than by the "Directory" which
we print on the seventh page. It includes
all the officers of the town—their number
showing that we are a well-governed com-
munity—and all the teachers of our public
schools. To these are added the principal
officers of the county, the state and the
nation, with the sessions of the different
courts in Essex County. We have been
courteously aided in making up the town
and county lists by Mr. Putnam, the Town
Clerk, Mr. Butterfield of the Board of Select-
men, Mr. Holt of the School Committee, and
Mr. E. K. Jenkins, the County Treasurer.
We suggest that this number be carefully
preserved for reference during the year.

We call attention to the announcement
under Special Notices of the Farmers' Club
at the Town Hall next Thursday evening.
If thought desirable, that meeting may be
adjourned one week, and take up the water
question for discussion.

ANDOVER NEWS.

The churches are holding daily meetings
this week, it being the Week of Prayer.

The holiday vacation is over, and now
hundreds of students, from the learned
"theologues" down to the "2d Primary"
may be seen every day going to school. May
they all improve each shining hour and
daily increase in knowledge and wisdom.
There are eleven new boys in the classes at
the Academy.

Mr. Huntley Spaulding has been spending
the holidays with friends at Townsend.

A little son of Fred. M. Hill, the Seminary
farmer, was thrown down while at play on
Tuesday, and his collar bone fractured. It
was set by Dr. Abbott.

Mrs. Prof. Woodruff and "John," of
Brunswick, Me., are spending a few days in
town.

Miss Hannah B. Stevens is confined to
her house by illness.

A burning chimney at Mrs. Charles Smith's
house on School St. called out the Fire De-
partment Saturday evening.

Doble and Carrier have sold their And-
over branch store to J. H. Campion and Co.
who will hereafter conduct the business at
the same place. Mr. Campion has managed
the business for Doble and Carrier since the
opening in Andover and has made many
friends among our people, who may be as-
sured of continuance of the same courteous
treatment and liberal prices.

The Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance
Company has just issued its sixtieth annual
statement, in which its available resources
are given as \$615,000, and its entire liabil-
ities \$160,000. The list of assets shows the
investments of the company to be largely in
real estate mortgages and in railroad stocks
and town and city bonds, all of which are
above par, with a single exception, and that
the Atchison stock, which is quoted at 97.
Its dividends are 60 per cent on five year
policies, 40 per cent on three year policies,
and 25 per cent on one year policies. This
showing is of course a most favorable one
for our old, staunch, and well-managed in-
stitution.

We regret to learn that the Rev. Leverett
Bradley, who has been rector of Christ
church since 1884, has accepted his recent
call from St. Luke's church in Philadelphia,
and that he will probably commence his
work there in a few weeks.

Mrs. Eliza Gleason, widow of Mr. Wyman
Gleason, died of heart disease in Lowell, on
Sunday last at the age of 62, and was buried in
Christ church cemetery here on Wednesday.
Mr. Gleason is well remembered here as an
overseer at the Marland Mills. He died
Sept. 18, 1872, and she afterward removed to
Lowell. Three sons and one daughter are
left to mourn her loss.

A Lawrence party has been arrested for
fishing in North Andover Pond, and will be
tried before Justice Poor Saturday after-
noon.

The fire alarm connection between An-
dover and Ballardvale will be completed to-
day. Charles L. Bly of Boston is putting
up the wire.

Mrs. Sarah McGuinness fell down a flight
of stairs, fracturing her ribs, and receiving
other serious injuries. She is attended by
Dr. C. E. Abbott.

A son of Mr. Joseph W. Clark is sick with
typhoid fever.

The papers announce the marriage, at
North Adams, of Miss Grace R. Whitaker,
a recent student of Abbot Academy, to Mr.
H. Shepard, of the firm of Shepard and
Morse, Boston. Miss Elizabeth P. Foster
of Andover was one of her bridesmaids.

At the annual meeting of the New Eng-
land Historic Genealogical Society, on
Wednesday, Almer C. Goodell, Jr., of Salem,
was chosen President; Hamilton A. Hill,
Corresponding Secretary; and William G.
Means one of the Board of Directors.

The Hilton bequest of \$50,000 to the Phil-
lips Academy Trustees, announced last
week, is not for the Academy but for the
Theological Seminary. The income of the
gift is to be used for the preparation of
young men for the ministry, but without
any further restriction.

The Phillips Academy Alumni Associa-
tion will issue in a few days a printed list of
its members, in preparation for the biennial
supper which is to be held in Boston about
the middle of February. The membership
of this Association is not restricted to those
who are full graduates of the Academy, but
is open to all who ever attended the classical
or the English department. The fee of
membership is \$1, once for all. Any de-
siring to join the Association should do so
all once, in order to have their names in-
cluded in the printed list. Mr. Geo. T.
Eaton of Andover is Secretary, and Dr. S.
W. Abbott of Wakefield, Treasurer.

"Golden jubilee" of Pope Leo XIII. was
celebrated in Rome in a magnificent way.
The city was thronged with pilgrims from
every part of the world, all bringing offerings
from his spiritual subjects, the total
amount of which, it is thought, will exceed
a million of dollars, besides the tributes of
reigning sovereigns. A grand festival high
mass was celebrated on Saturday in St.
Peter's; and pontifical mass on Sunday. 60,
000 tickets were issued for admission to the
Cathedral for attendance on the latter. 48
cardinals and 228 archbishops and bishops
were present. The pope robed in splendid
vestments and seated in the gestatorial chair
was borne with great pomp into St. Peter's
and completely around the altar. During
the ceremonies he fainted twice but soon re-
turned to consciousness. King Hubert ex-
pressed himself as much pleased with the
success of the jubilee, as the best proof of
the Pope's entire liberty in Rome. Special
services with reference to the papal jubilee
were held in New York and other American
cities. In the Catholic church here, a Te
Deum was sung by the regular choir in honor
of the anniversary.

The many friends of Miss Rose Temple,
formerly of Andover, will be pleased to
know that she is recovering from her recent
severe illness at Reading.

On New Year's eve the parishoners of
Rev. J. J. Blair of the Old South, through
Dr. C. H. Gilbert made him a present of two
hundred dollars, with many wishes for a
Happy New Year, as a token of their love
and esteem.

Mr. Henry Brown has entered the employ
of the Tyer Rubber Co., Boston, Mass.

Miss Frank Robinson who formerly re-
sided here with Mr. Henry Robinson, is
spending the winter with friends in Kansas
City.

Mr. William Carter of Scotland district is
putting in a flume for a mill at Canton.

A very successful apron and necktie party
was held in the Scotland district school-
house Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. The
receipts amounting to \$12.00, go towards de-
fraying the expenses of the Sunday evening
prayer meetings.

The fourth of the steamer company as-
semblies was postponed from Friday night
last, to New Year's eve, and quite a large
party watched the old year vanish.

Mr. Arthur E. Hill, one of our Andover
boys, is now employed as draughtsman at
the Knowles loom works in Worcester.

The first entertainment of the Burns'
Club was given in the Village schoolroom
last Saturday evening. The room was
crowded, every available seat being occu-
pied. The Chairman, Mr. Barnet Rogers,
in the course of his remarks explained the
object and aims of the Club. The pro-
gramme opened with a minstrel quartette by
Messrs. McDermott, McKimmon, Kydd and
Low. Low, with the tambourine fairly ex-
celled himself, while McDermott with the
bones, gave a very good account of himself.

Mr. Wm. Scott next gave "Wanderin' Willie"
with fine taste and feeling. The trio by
Misses Angus, Greig and Low, was exceed-
ingly good considering their youth. The
solos by the Misses Trulan and the duets by
the Misses Low were sung and as well re-
ceived by the audience. The former sang
the "Rose of Tralee" with fine taste, while
the latter gave "Better bide a wee," in
better style than, "Twas within a mile o'
Edinburg' toon."

The comic singing of
Messrs Robertson (of Lawrence) McKimmon
and Carnegie was very good and received
well merited applause. The violin playing
of Messrs. McMillan (Boston) and Craik, was
extremely good. The former gave an ex-
quisite rendering of "Auld Robin Gray,"
while the latter appeared best in the "Flow-
ers of the Forest." The recitations of Mr.
John Saunders were interesting and given in
his usual good style. The rendering
of a "Guid New Year to one and a'" (very
appropriate for the occasion) by Mr. Wm.
Scott brought the entertainment to a close.

A long felt want in the Village has at last
been filled by these entertainments, which
will be given fortnightly, during the winter
months.

The Salem Gazette says that there is to be
a new seaside resort at West Gloucester, in
connection with a strip of sand two miles
long and six hundred feet in width at low
water. This is known as Willoughby Park
and is divided into house lots containing
from one-quarter of an acre upward. One
of these, containing three acres, has been
bought by Miss Elizabeth Stuart Phelps of
this town.

The funeral of Mr. Dennis Donovan,
whose death is noted elsewhere, was at-
tended yesterday morning at the Catholic
church, Rev. J. J. Ryan, Rev. Maurice J.
Murphy and Rev. Timothy Reagan officiating.
Mr. Donovan was so ill as to be unable to
attend. Mr. Donovan has long been one of
our old landmarks and he and his family
have the sympathy of many friends in the
loss of a wife and mother. We trust his
illness is but temporary.

The B. F. Smith Company ball last
Wednesday evening, was enjoyed by about
twenty couples, a small attendance and con-
sequently quite a loss to the company,
financially.

The Home Circle has elected the follow-
ing officers for the ensuing year: F. B. Jen-
kins, Leader; W. B. Morse, Vice-Leader;
Mrs. M. E. Wilbur, Instructor; Geo. A. Par-
ker, Past Leader; F. G. Chandlee, Secy.; C.
W. Scott, Financier; Frank H. Baldwin,
Treasurer; Jos. H. Blunt, Guide; George E.
Hursey, Sentinel.

The remaining Assemblies of the Engine
Company will be held on Saturday evening
instead of Friday.

The case of Abbott vs. North Andover,
growing out of the Andrew Smith defalcation,
has been decided by the Supreme
Court in favor of the town.

Frye Village.

The help employed in the machinery de-
partment of the Smith & Dove manufactur-
ing Company, met at the house of Mr.
Thomas Kydd, their overseer, and Mr. John
Hill, one of their number presented him
with a magnificent easy chair as a mark of
their respect toward him. Mrs. Kydd, also,
was presented with a nice rattan rocker.
Mr. Kydd who was taken by surprise at
these very handsome presents, replied in
suitable terms and tendered their thanks.
Supper was then partaken of by all present.
The remainder of the evening was spent in
singing and recitations by James Campbell,
James Fraser, William Gillespie, Mrs. Alex-
ander McKenzie and Mrs. Kydd, while Her-
bert Chase added to the evening's amuse-
ment with selections on the harmonica.

The services were conducted on Sunday
evening by Mr. Wood of the Seminary. On
account of the storm there were not so many
present, as walking was so dangerous.

A meeting of all those who are interested
to have a course of lectures and entertain-
ments during the winter months, will be
held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, in the
Hall at 7:30 P. M. A large turn-out is ex-
pected to be present.

Miss Alice Donald, with her sister Mrs.
Garland of Boston, spent the holidays in
New York with their brother, Rev. E. W.
Donald, D.D.

The employees of the Smith and Dove
Manufacturing Company of this village, were
surprised, on Wednesday morning, when
Mr. John W. Bell took the position of Santa
Claus, and in the name of G. W. W. Dove,
Esq., presented every one of the help with a
box of confectionery. This is the fourth
year that Mr. Dove, with his usual liberality,
has performed the same act, and all the help
of the Frye Village mills return to him their
thanks for his kindness to them.

Next Friday evening, Jan. 13, Mr. James
E. Murdoch, the distinguished dramatic
reader, author and Shakespearean scholar,
will read in the Phillips Academy Hall. He
will be assisted by Miss Ada May Drew of
Boston, a new contralto singer of a great
deal of promise. Of Mr. Murdoch Prof.
Churchill writes:

"The people of Andover will enjoy a rare
intellectual pleasure in listening to Mr. Mur-
doch's interpretations of Shakespeare and
other authors. He is a veteran in the pro-
fession, having devoted a long and highly
honorable life to the study, teaching and
public practice of the art of giving dra-
matic expression to the great thoughts of
the great poets and dramatists of English
literature. For more than fifty years he has
held an eminent position in the very front
rank of the truly scholarly artists in speech.
All who appreciate the critical value of
vocal interpretation through a cultivated
mind, and resonant, melodious voice will
not fail to hear Mr. Murdoch. His patriotic
and humorous selections give great delight
to a popular audience and his recitation of
"Sheridan's Ride" is nobly impressive and
thrilling." In commenting on a recent con-
cert, one of the Holyoke newspapers says of
Miss Drew: "She exhibited a truly phre-
nomenal contralto voice. It is full, strong,
sustained, of great volume and the sym-
pathy of genius." Tickets will be for sale
on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Andover Book
Store for 50 and 35 cents. All seats re-
served. The entertainment will begin at
7:45 o'clock.

BALLARDVALE.

About sixty of our best citizens enjoyed a
donkey party at Mr. Joseph Shaw's resi-
dence, Monday evening. Mr. Chas. Shaw
succeeded in locating the donkey's tail near-
est the proper place. Mr. John S. Stark
proved to the company that it was quite
painless to the donkey.

Mrs. Sadler who is still at the Hospital in
Lawrence is reported as worse, and her case
is considered as quite critical.

The residence of Mr. Chas. Buck one of
Wilmington's best known citizens, was the
scene of a brilliant wedding Wednesday
evening, the contracting parties being Mr.
Buck's youngest daughter, Miss Laura, and
Mr. Almon A. Bush of this place. The mar-
riage was solemnized by Rev. C. U. Dunning
of Lawrence, the groom's uncle. Miss
Emma Leathe of Reading was bridesmaid,
and the bride's brother, Mr. Chas. Buck, Jr.,
groomsman. The bride's cousins, Messrs.
Stephen P. Wild of Boston and Willard
Welch of Malden, acted as ushers. Fully
seventy-five guests were present many com-
ing from Boston, Malden, Lawrence and this
place. Mr. and Mrs. Bush's popularity was
attested in the many valuable presents re-
ceived in silverware and works of art, also
several in cash one being a check for \$50. A
pleasant reception was held after the cere-
mony. No wedding trip will be taken, and
we are glad to state that Mr. and Mrs. Buck
will reside in Ballardvale as soon as their
house now being built on Chestnut St., is
completed; until then they will make their
home with the bride's parents in Wilming-
ton.

BALLARDVALE

BALLARDVALE STATION, B. & M. R. R. C. H. Marland, Agent.

BALLARDVALE TO BOSTON. A.M. 6:55; 7:51; 11:15.
P.M. 12:34; 2:14; 3:23; 4:30; 5:49; 9:44. Sunday: A.M.
8:38. P.M. 12:25; 5:58.
BALLARDVALE TO LOWELL. 7:51; 9:57; 10:40; 11:15.
P.M. 12:34; 1:45; 2:49; 3:23; 4:30; 5:55; 7:17; 9:44. Sun-
day: A.M. 8:38. P.M. 12:25; 5:58.
BALLARDVALE TO LAWRENCE. A.M. 6:57; 7:28;
8:18; 8:55; 10:49; 11:25. P.M. 12:48; 1:18; 3:37; 4:55; 5:40;
6:45; 7:26; 7:48. Sunday: A.M. 8:01. P.M. 6:08; 8:00.
BOSTON TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 6:00; 7:30; 9:30;
10:25. P.M. 12:02; 2:30; 4:02; 5:00; 6:00; 6:35; 7:00; 11:00.
Sunday: A.M. 8:00. P.M. 5:00; 7:00.
LOWELL TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 7:10; 7:35; 8:35;
11:00. P.M. 1:00; 3:00; 4:00; 5:10; 6:15; 6:55; 11:10.
Sunday: A.M. 8:20; P.M. 5:40; 7:30.
LAWRENCE TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 6:40; 7:30;
9:40; 10:20; 11:00. P.M. 12:17; 1:10; 2:00; 2:50; 3:00; 4:15;
5:40; 7:05 from So. Law.; 9:30. Sunday: A.M. 8:15.
P.M. 12:10; 5:35.

BALLARDVALE POST-OFFICE.

C. H. Marland, P.M.

MAILS CLOSE: For Boston, South, and West: A.M.
11:00; P.M. 5:30; for East and North, A.M. 8:30;
P.M. 4:00.
MAILS ARRIVE: From Boston, South, and West,
A.M. 8:30; P.M. 4:40; from East and North, P.M. 12:40;
5:30; 7:20.
OFFICE HOURS: A.M. 6:45 to P.M. 8:00. Sundays:
A.M. 8:00 to 9:00; P.M. 5:30 to 6:15.

Mr. Winslow Goodwin is the authorized
Agent of the TOWNSMAN in Ballardvale.

The past year has been, perhaps, the most
noteworthy to the people of Ballardvale of
any in the last quarter of a century, as mark-
ing the actual commencement of a healthy
growth. The feeling of uncertainty as to
the stability of its later industries has passed
away and been succeeded by a wholesome
confidence the fruits of which are seen in the
building operations and land sales of this
fall, and the prospects of greater progress
in this line the coming spring. The manu-
facturing establishments on which its de-
velopment depends have had a prosperous
year.

The Ballardvale Mills, the oldest of its
industries, employing about 180 hands weave
the finest flannels in America and have just
received a diploma at the Mechanics' fair
confirming the standard of these goods as
up to that of six years ago when a gold medal
was awarded them, it being among the rules
of the association to bestow medals on the
same grade and make of goods more than
once.

The Craighead and Kintz Mfg Co., man-
ufacturers of every description of lamps, fine
bronzes, brass and fancy goods too varied to
specify, have had a busy year running parts
of their works until 9 o'clock at night for
the past four months. Their goods in finish
and artistic merit are unsurpassed by any
in similar lines made in this country con-
sidering the comparatively short time it has
been in operation. In brisk times they em-
ploy about 300 persons although their busi-
ness is still in its infancy.

Messrs. Sullivan and Willard, manufac-
turers of pottery and wholesale dealers in
woodenware, have disposed of large quan-
ties of their goods, and promise to add not
a little to the welfare of the place. Some
ten men find employment here.

The latest addition to our industrial inter-
ests is the dye works of Sutcliffe Bros.,
recently of North Andover, located in the
old hat shop. They are at present getting
out samples of colors. Messrs. Sutcliffe are
well known as successful dyers, and will no
doubt do well in their return.

The prospective building of much needed
tenements will cause many working here
and lying in Lawrence to settle here, thus
adding obviously to the growth of the place
and the welfare of our traders. Taking all
into consideration there is reason to believe
that Ballardvale has entered on an era of
prosperity, and is destined to contribute
materially to the wealth of the grand old
town of which it has so long been a silent
member.

The social party of the Engine Co. last
Saturday night was highly enjoyed. Fore-
man Sleath and lady led the grand march.
Numbers dedicated to Andover No. 1, Eben
Sutton No. 1, and one "Rescue the stove,"
aimed at certain critics, were danced.

The well known Temple Quartette, as-
sisted by Miss Carrie E. Hale, reader, will
be the attraction in the Bradley Course next
Wednesday evening, Jan. 11th.

The Y. M. T. A. dance is to be held Fri-
day evening, Jan. 13th, in place of the date
given on the tickets.

Rev. Mr. Bowker's text was from Isaiah
last Sunday. At the close of the sermon
Mr. Bowker expressed an intention of ef-
facing his labors with this society at an early
date.

There was no regular meeting at the
Methodist church last Sunday, Mr. Martin
having been suddenly called to the funeral
of a relative in New Hampshire.

NORTH ANDOVER.

NORTH ANDOVER STATION, B. & M.R.R.

Geo. S. Spence, Agent.

TRAINS LEAVE FOR BOSTON. A. M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 10.57. P. M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 7.37.

LEAVE BOSTON FOR NORTH ANDOVER: A. M. 6.00, 7.30, 9.30, 12.02. P. M. 2.15, 3.20, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 11.00, P. M. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.00. P. M. 6.00, 7.00.

NO. A. TO LOWELL: A. M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 10.57. P. M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 7.37.

LOWELL TO NO. A.: A. M. 7.10, 7.35, P. M. 12.15, 3.00, 3.40, 5.10, 6.15, 11.10. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.20, P. M. 7.30.

NO. A. TO SO. LAWRENCE: A. M. 7.30, 7.55, 8.21, 9.22, 9.33, 10.57, 11.57. P. M. 12.14, 12.30, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 7.00, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.13, 11.57. P. M. 4.19, 5.36, 7.37.

NO. A. TO NO. LAWRENCE: A. M. 7.55, 9.22, 11.57. P. M. 12.30, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY: A. M. 11.57. P. M. 5.36.

NO. LAWRENCE TO NO. A.: A. M. 7.41, 7.50, 8.25, P. M. 1.00, 3.45, 5.50, 11.55. SUNDAY: A. M. P. M. 8.17.

NO. A. TO SALEM: A. M. 7.48, 8.33, P. M. 1.07, 5.58.

SALEM TO NO. A.: A. M. 7.00, 11.32. P. M. 4.43, 6.00.

GOING EAST: A. M. 8.37. P. M. 1.05, 4.18, 5.58, SUNDAY: 7.00 P. M.

NO. A. TO HAVENHILL: A. M. 12.02, 7.15, 7.58, 8.37, 10.57. P. M. 1.05, 3.12, 3.55, 4.18, 5.58, 7.00, 8.03, SUNDAY: A. M. 9.18. P. M. 7.00, 8.25.

HAVENHILL TO NO. A.: A. M. 7.17, 8.10, 9.10, 9.22, 10.45, 11.45. P. M. 12.02, 2.54, 3.50, 5.15, 6.45, 9.10, SUNDAY: A. M. 8.00, 11.45. P. M. 4.08, 5.35, 7.25.

POST-OFFICE, NORTH ANDOVER.

Isaac F. Osgood, P. M.

MAILS CLOSE: 9.00, 10.15, 5.00.

MAILS OPEN: 9.15, 2.00, 5.20.

OFFICE HOURS: 8.00 A. M. to 7.30 P. M.

POST-OFFICE, NO. ANDOVER DEPOT.

Charles E. Pilling, P. M.

MAILS CLOSE: FOR BOSTON, SOUTH AND WEST, 3.25, 12.00, 3.45, 6.45. FOR EAST, 8.20, 12.45, 4.20.

MAILS OPEN: FROM BOSTON, SOUTH AND WEST, 8.45, 1.00, 4.30. FROM EAST, 9.45, 12.30, 4.00.

OFFICE HOURS: 7.30 A. M. to 8.00 P. M.

The trial of the liquor case of Edward Cooper was resumed in the Police Court, Saturday, before Justice C. U. Bell. His decision was reserved until Jan. 10. The trial of Mrs. Dewane is continued until the 11th inst.

James J. McKone of the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., has been visiting relatives in town.

The conveyance of books from the Library to the Centre Post Office, for the use of borrowers in that section will hereafter be discontinued, as the appropriation for that purpose has already been expended.

Mr. S. H. Furber who for two years has very acceptably filled the position of Most Worshipful Master of the Tuscan Lodge of Masons, Lawrence, and was acting Master for nearly nine months before, was on Monday evening presented by W. M. Benj. Andrews in behalf of the Lodge, with a valuable Past Master's jewel of rare workmanship and beautiful design. On the pin were the words "Tuscan Lodge," and on the obverse centre of the jewel, which consisted of a square, compasses and segment, was the initial "T" in relief. On the reverse, in beautifully engraved letters was inscribed: "Tuscan Lodge to W. B. S. Henry Furber, P. M." On the segment, "1886, Lawrence, Mass., 1887." The design connecting the pin and jewel is unique and of finely wrought chainwork and is copyrighted by P. M. H. Holmes of this same lodge. It is entirely of gold and, with all its signification, a jewel of which Mr. Furber is justly proud.

To the Editor of the Townsman: You are aware that we are an ancient and honorable town, law-abiding and jealous of the reputation of the officers, who represent us in town affairs. It was brought out in the testimony at the trial of "Cooper" at Lawrence, last Saturday, for selling stronger liquor than our laws allow, that our Chief of Police had been seen to go into Cooper's no less than three times, and give evidence when he came out, of having drunk illicit liquor there. The report is about, too, that at Dewane's, also under indictment for illegal selling, the same Chief was seen to drink and tender money; the same was declined with the statement that they did not take money from such as the Chief.

This testimony and these reports, if true, are very damaging to the character of our Chief, and a tarnish upon the fair name of our town, since the Chief holds his place by the authority of our town officers. Would it not be well for some action to be taken by the Selectmen to allow the Chief to clear his name of the smirch which this testimony, under oath, and these floating reports have put upon it? If he is innocent, he will

surely welcome an investigation under recognized authority, as a kindly act toward him, for acquittal would be a testimony above aspersion, while our town's fair name would be raised from the dust in which it is now dragged.

A CITIZEN.

While Mr. A. P. Cheney was unloading material from a box car near the machine shop crossing, Tuesday morning, his horse ran away, going up the shop hill to the rear of Davis & Furber's new building where an embankment prevented further progress. The horse was secured before any damage had been done.

About thirty-five members of the Young People's Literary and Social Society attended the New Year's supper in the vestry of the Congregational church, Friday evening. The tables arranged in the form of a hollow square were invitingly spread and the company did ample justice to the good things placed before them. After the repast the President, Mr. F. W. Frisbee, gave a spicy address, in which he congratulated the society on being able to gather at their fourth annual spread in numbers unbroken by death. He also briefly reviewed the work of the past and outlined that of the future, concluding with wishing a prosperous and happy new year to all. Miss Helen E. Roache read a paper pertinently and wittily predicting the future position and welfare of the various members. Remarks were also made by Messrs. Andrew McLean and Francis Smith, Jr. An entertainment was afterward given in the parlor, consisting of a duet, violin and piano, by Mr. Lawson Robinson and Miss Agnes Patterson. Miss Marion Lawson gave one of her songs which are always well received. A recitation by Miss Annie L. Downing concluded these exercises. The remaining hours were spent in playing games and social intercourse, and after having exchanged New Year's greetings, the company departed.

The small attendance at the Assembly of the Eben Sutton S. F. E. Company Friday evening was probably due partly to the attractions elsewhere; nevertheless those attending had an enjoyable time. A well selected order of dances was given under the direction of Foreman, Mr. John Burnham, with a corps of efficient aids. Good music was furnished by Colby's orchestra. The next assembly of this company will be at Stevens Hall, Friday evening, January 13.

The Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, through their agent Mr. Asa Angier, have presented their patrons with the calendar for 1888, having its usual heading, the falls at Lawrence.

Sidney, aged eleven, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Chickering, died of diphtheria Friday afternoon, having been ill less than a week. He was a bright intelligent youth and was beloved alike by his teacher and schoolmates at the second grammar school, Merrimack building, where he attended. The funeral services were private and held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. H. Leavitt officiating. There were many beautiful flowers from the Congregational Sabbath school, his friends and relatives and his little mates by whom he will be sadly missed.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Cricket Club, Monday evening, the re-modeled constitution and by-laws were presented and accepted, and the following officers chosen for the ensuing year: president, John J. Mitchell; secretary, Robert Clark; treasurer, Thomas Lee; captain, James Collier. The above officers with the following persons comprise the executive committee: Wm. F. Kelly, L. McInnes, Robert Elliot, T. Lancaster, F. M. Downing, and F. Jackson. The first game of the season will be played the first week in May. It is proposed to give an entertainment at an early date. The club is increasing in membership and everything is running smoothly.

There was a special meeting of the Selectmen, Monday.

Miss Carrie Merrill of Lynn, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Sanders, Sunday.

The new stone hitching post on Water Street belonging to the Merrimack building was broken down in some way Tuesday afternoon.

There will be an illustrated lecture in Merrimack Hall, Monday evening, January 9, on Ireland. The proceeds are for the coming fair for the benefit of Saint Michael's church. The fair opens Thursday evening, January 12.

Last Monday, while Mr. Edward Clark was exercising a span of beautiful light sorrel colts belonging to Mr. George Loring the animals took fright at a man on horseback and backing, loosened one of the traces, then turning sharply around ran down the hill and were making directly for a stone wall when Mr. Clark thought he would pre-

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fer jumping from the wagon to riding over the wall, and accordingly jumped. The frisky colts left to themselves, ran into Mr. Carney's orchard where they left the wagon; then they jumped a pair of bars, a stone wall, ran through Stevens village and finally tired out with their frolic, came to a standstill in Mr. Sutton's yard, where they were caught by their owner, Mr. Loring. The wagon was smashed, but the driver and horses were uninjured.

While Miss Etta Ryan was riding along Elm Street, Wednesday afternoon, her horse fell and she, in her endeavor to hold him in, struck her head on the dasher. She received a slight gash on her left temple, but was otherwise unharmed. The horse was uninjured but one of the wagon shafts was broken.

An entertainment was given with a magic lantern in Room No 5, Merrimack School, Wednesday at four o'clock, about one hundred and fifty attending. The pictures were varied; historical, scenic, pictures of statuary and many laughable ones. At the close Lottie Brown of the Bradstreet School, who had the lucky number, was presented with an album. After going out of doors, the scholars witnessed the ascending of a balloon.

The Drum Corps furnished music at a funeral in Lawrence, Friday.

Brief dedicatory services were held in the Public Reading Rooms by the members of the Ladies Improvement Society Monday, afternoon. The rooms were opened to the public in the evening, about forty persons availing themselves of its privileges. The following is a list of papers and magazines to be placed therein: Secular papers, Boston Daily Journal and Herald, American and Eagle; weekly, Townsman, American, Eagle, Methuen Transcript, Georgetown Advocate, Lowell Journal, New York Tribune, New York Herald, American Machinist, Scientific American, Agriculturalist, Carpenter and Builder, Frank Leslie, Harper's Weekly, Public Opinion, and Youth's Companion; religious: Congregationalist, Christian Advocate, Churchman, Catholic American, Christian Register, Independent, Christian Herald, Sunday School Times, Home Missionary; magazines: Harper's, Scribner's, Century, and Popular Science Monthly.

Miss Alice Godfrey returned to her home in Candia, N. H., Tuesday to attend her father who is ill.

Health is impossible when the blood is impure, thick, sluggish, or when it is thin and impoverished. Such conditions give rise to boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and other disorders. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies, invigorates, and vitalizes the blood.

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Andover National Bank.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their Banking Room on Tuesday the 10th day of January 1888, at 3 o'clock, P. M. for the choice of directors and to transact any other business that may legally come before them.

MOSES FOSTER, CASHIER.

Andover, Dec. 6, 1887.

MERRIMACK MUTUAL

Fire Insurance Company,

The annual meeting of the members of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the choice of Directors, amendment of By-Laws, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Andover, on Monday the 9th day of January, next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

J. A. Smart, Sec'y.

Dec. 16th, 1887.



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POETRY.

The Gifts of the Poor.

A poor man plodded through the snow.
One golden hour on Christmas day.
And pondered how he might bestow
Some blessing on his neighbor's way.
"I have no gold to give," he sighed,
"My own poor home is small and bare;
Not even at blessed Christmas-tide
Have I a shining coin to spare!"

But while he sorrowed in his heart,
This sudden thought forbade his tear—
"Though poor, may I not yet impart
The priceless gifts of hope and cheer?"
He turned and hastened to the door
Of one whose lot was poor and sad—
He spoke kind words that healed once more
An aching heart and made it glad.

Then, filled with joy, he paused and thought
Of one by him not yet forgiven,
Remembering how the Master taught
That only mercy enters heaven;
And straightway with the gift he sped—
The gift of pardon for the wrong;
Those few frank words of peace he said
Were sweeter than an angel's song.

And thus he spent the holy day,
Bestowing gifts of hope and love;
And when the twilight ebbed away
And night's pure stars were grouped above,
He found within his own glad breast
The gift of God's approving grace,
A heart with all life would at rest,
Its Saviour's chosen dwelling-place.

Oh, sorrow not, ye kindly poor!
A loving deed in heaven's view
Will like the very stars endure
While glittering riches melt like dew.
For there is not a gift more grand,
Than simple love that grows not cold,
The clasp of friendly hand and hand
Is better than a shower of gold.

—Ernest W. Shortt (of Andover) in *Youth's Companion*.

SELECTIONS.

Peter Perkins' Dream.

The following selection is made to suit the current date—January 6 being "Twelfth Day," the *Epiphany* of the church, and the "Old Christmas" of the English peasantry. A careful reading of it may, however, extract from it a moral which will be equally appropriate after the holiday season has passed.

"There is that ham, it is too old to sell, and this barrel of wormy dried apples, and a barrel of meal and one of flour, which are both a little moldy, but still good enough to give to the poor, and that half barrel of sugar that the kerosene was spilt in, and that two sacks of rice that has weevils, and you might add all that stale bread. They will make a good showing, and I guess my name will head the list, for nobody else would give so much. These things you can set aside, Mark, and tomorrow I want them carried round to the society's rooms with my compliments. Aha! This will help many a poor family to enjoy a good Christmas dinner, and will help me with my customers. Everybody likes a generous man, but few of the brethren will make as good a display as I shall tomorrow. I guess I'll go home now, Mark, and, ah, here are \$2 for your Christmas. I can't afford more. You know business is slack. Well, good night."

And wizened old Peter Perkins got into his old overcoat and went home through the streets where the snow lay thick and heavy, until he reached his comfortable looking three-story house. After he rang the bell he muttered to himself:

"I might just as well have only given Mark \$1 instead of \$2. He'd been just as thankful, and I'd saved that much. And all those things there—why, I could have sold them at a discount, but then, after it all, I was losing ground in church custom by what they call my stinginess, and now, well, I guess after all I'm glad I give them. The poor who get them can't complain. Oh, here she comes at last! And she will expect a present, too! It seems as if everybody was beset Christmas time! I'm sick of it. Ha!"

At this instant Mrs. Warner, who was servant and housekeeper both, opened the door, her rather long face wreathed in smiles and her form dressed in her best black silk gown. Peter Perkins was astonished and surprised as she led the way to the dining-room, where the old man's dinner was laid, for on the table smoked a splendid turkey, while several other dainty and toothsome dishes stood about, among them a noble mince pie that gave out a mellow luscious odor that mortal could not withstand, and yet he turned, saying fiercely:

"Mary Warner! Who gave you author-

ity to do this? Why, here is dinner enough for twenty, and such extravagance! I told you this morning I didn't believe in holiday nonsense, and I told you to cook half a mackerel and a potato, didn't I?"

"You did, sir, and I was going to do it; only this morning my sister in the country sent me a Christmas box, and these were in it, and as I couldn't eat them all myself, I made bold to offer you half, sir, and no offense, I hope."

"Oh, well, that alters the case. Well, yes, I don't care if I do," and he allows himself to fall in the chair she pushed forward, and he fell to and in a short time had eaten a most excellent dinner, which he finished with a great golden doughnut and piece of cheese. He took these as in a dream, one in each hand, and made alternate bites of doughnut and cheese in a reflective and even retrospective manner, as he thought:

"Why don't city folks learn to make crullers like this? For love nor money, you couldn't buy anything like this in all this great city. They taste just as mother used to make them. Her tin cruller box was never empty and how good they were; the older they were the mellow and better they were. I remember she used to make me a boy and a mouse every time she fried crullers, and always two P's for my letters. And Christmas and New Year's she put caraway seed candies all over mine. I wonder how she did it. That mince pie was good. I think I will take another piece. It hasn't cost anything and it makes me think of old times."

And so the miserly old man sat and ate until his usual bedtime came, when he lit his candle, for he never would have gas, and went to bed. Scarcely had he got warm and comfortably when he saw standing by his bedside, a stranger whose face was carefully turned away, and who wore a long, loose garment of some unknown fashion, and instinctively Peter Perkins put his hand under his pillow after his revolver, thinking of robbers; but the stranger said in a low voice, which yet had such authority in it that the wretched man dared not disobey:

"Arise, dress yourself, and follow me."

As in a dream the little miser followed, but they went so swiftly that he could not see where they were going until at last the stranger said: "Open your eyes and tell me what you see."

Peter Perkins stood and gazed. He seemed to be in a vast place. Before him, upon nothing stood great tables upon which was piled a collection of everything imaginable, and while he was trying to understand this, he noticed that there had appeared, rank on rank and file on file, limitless, countless numbers of cherubim and seraphim, and in the midst of this throng sat upon a crystal throne Christ, the benign, the loving, the pitiful. The cherubim and seraphim sang—"Glory, glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men," and as Peter Perkins watched this beautiful countenance, he saw its expression change. Sometimes it became that of a little child, sweet and infantine, again it was tender and pitiful, then it looked as it must have done when he said, "Come unto me, all ye weary and heavy laden," then it was filled full of sorrow and merciful goodness, and then it grew stern and awful.

Then Peter Perkins noticed that there was a throng ever increasing and reaching far below them so that the end of them was far out of sight, and these people came singly to the feet of the Saviour and there laid a gift which was instantly taken by the angels and laid upon a pair of scales, which did not measure by the weight of the gift itself, but the motive which lay like a living heart inside it.

Then Peter Perkins saw that all who had not yet offered their gift had a burden to carry, large or small, and he suddenly became aware that the burden fastened upon his own back was enormous and was very heavy. But he turned to the stranger and said: "When will it be my turn?"

"When all of these shall have passed," and he had to stand there with the great unknown weight upon his shoulders for long hours, or days, or years, he did not know which, while all these people came by.

He noticed a man who staggered by and laid a heavy weight of gold chalices and church candlesticks and other emblems at his feet, and Peter Perkins saw with surprise that they flew up in the balance as

if of air. Another offered a church, which was as so much paper, and then a poor old woman in rags staggered along with a cup of cold water as her only offering. This sent the scales down, down, as if it weighed a ton, and then a pale, thin man came and offered only a tear. This, too, weighed heavier than gold. Sometimes an old broken toy, or some old, worn garments, or even a crust of bread was laid at his feet, and these, too, were very heavy on those wonderful scales.

Peter Perkins noticed, too, that those whose gifts were light disappeared from view, and he watched until he saw them fall into space and fade away in distance, while the angels sent pitying glances after them.

Suddenly the Saviour said: "Now, Peter Perkins, what gift have you brought to the Lord on this his birthday?"

"Oh! I am willing to give you all I have, but this bundle upon my back was not intended for you but for the poor. If you will let me go back I will return with something more worthy of you."

"But what have you in that bundle?"

"Only some flour, and meal, and sugar, and ham, and rice, which are not quite fresh and good, but I thought they would do for the poor."

"And have you never heard of my words, when I said: 'Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my children, ye do it unto me?' Look, that cup of water was given by a sick and suffering woman to one who suffered worse. That holy tear was given from a pure heart that had nothing else to offer, but you, out of your abundance, offer only that which is unfit for food, and in offering that to the unfortunate poor you have offered it to me."

"I did not know! Oh, please let me go back and I will do differently!"

"Alas! you have lived your life, and you must, like that throng you have seen, take your deeds with you to plead for or against you. You can return no more than they. All men bring their passports of good or evil actions with them here, and once they have come, naught can change. They must bear their fate. Some of them did not know, but you had a mother who taught you aright, but you forgot her words of wisdom or put them aside. So, now, go your way."

And with these words Peter Perkins felt himself falling into perdition, weighted down by the moldy flour and spoiled bread and sugar. Down, down he went, faster than many others who were on the way, and he cried out in his agony of fear, when suddenly with that cry he awoke and sat up in bed. This then had been a dream! But it had opened his eyes, and he began to see things as he never had done before. He remembered his mother's teachings, and he slept no more that night. But as soon as daylight dawned he dressed and went to the store where poor, faithful Mark, who had slaved ten years for him, was packing those wretched things into the wagon.

"Mark," said he, "throw all that stuff away, and take double the amount of the best, and take poultry and fruit and tea and coffee and bread and sugar and butter, yes, and anything else you fancy, and make them up into separate parcels and give one, good generous basketful to every poor family you know. Yes, Mark, and then, if your mother is able to bear it, take her in a carriage and come down to my house this evening to dinner, and we will discuss our new sign with Perkins and Hancock on it. Yes, God bless us! Oh, no, I'm not crazy! I've just come to my senses," and he hurried home and astonished Mrs. Warner by a handsome crisp note for \$50 and ordered a dinner which would have staggered her if she had not had so good a beginning from her sister's farm.

Ten years have passed since that time. Peter Perkins is a happy man. Now if he was called he would not go empty-handed before his Lord and Saviour.—*Emily Arthur in Dover (N. J.) Index*.

More About Southern California.

The selection in our last issue from Charles Dudley Warner's sprightly article in the last *Atlantic* was by some mistake credited to the *Century* instead. In order to make amends to the publishers of the *Atlantic* (and to the residents on the Pacific), we give below another extract from the same article, concerning the big woods, the big trees, and the big prices of that wonderful country:

I do not know whether the English language is exactly adapted to Southern California. It seems to me too tame and literal to express the exuberant growth of that region. At any rate, the real-estate people call in the aid of art and music. Brass bands, heading the processions to auction sales of city lots in the outlying deserts, excite the buyer to frenzy; and seductive paintings, a vast broadside of boards erected at the railway stations,—pictures of vineyards, orchards, lofty rose-covered houses and delectable hills,—appeal to the most stolid visitor. Indeed, our language is too poor to do justice to the prolific powers of nature, to say nothing of the prolific invention of man. Jack's Beanstalk is not a myth, but simply an illustration. We are accustomed to regard the tree as a slow, laborious product of nature. I do not say that in California the forest tree is annual, but if you plant eucalyptus saplings you will have in three or four years a fine, stately grove, from which firewood is cut; and very good firewood this fat tree makes. I was shown a big stump of a eucalyptus-tree in a Los Angeles garden, which the owner had cut down because it was too near the house. It was ninety feet high, and he had planted the sapling only seven years before.

But at present the leading industry is the selling of real-estate,—it is about the only thing talked of. In the six months previous to March, 1887, the price of real-estate in the region of Los Angeles and Pasadena had advanced four hundred per cent. A lady went out one morning by rail from Los Angeles to Pasadena, where she took carriage for the ordinary drive round the country, through Baldwin's thirty-thousand-acre ranch. As she was starting an agent asked her if she did not want to buy a lot,—they peddle lots like oranges; he could offer her a bargain of a small building lot for fifty dollars. The lady said she didn't mind making a little investment (the air is so stimulating, the orange blossoms are so intoxicating, there is such a noise of building and hammering everywhere, and there are so many invalids from Maine and New Hampshire, sitting in the rose-covered porches of their little cottages), and she took the lot and paid for it. On her return in the afternoon, the same agent met her, and asked her if she did not want to sell her lot. She replied that she was perfectly willing to sell at a fair price—her drive had been rather dusty, and she had seen a good deal of apparently unoccupied ground. The agent offered her two hundred dollars, and she handed back the lot and took the money, and went home to her dinner. The story has no affidavit attached to it, but it is not an exaggeration of daily occurrences.

—*January Atlantic*.

Reading from Right to Left.

There was no doubt a good reason for the practice of the Hebrews to read and to write from right to left. We have often speculated and inquired about it, and while we could not learn or discover anything very tangible in regard to it, we are quite convinced that the most pertinent reason lies in the fact that our vision from right to left is much clearer and stronger than it is from left to right. Naturally, so we are informed, there is no difference in nerves or in the optic arrangement of the human eye between the right or left eye, yet our own inquiries and observations show clearly that we are all, or most all disposed, when we take an article of merchandise, or a picture, or anything else for examination into our hands, to look at it from right to left, and not from left to right. Since we have endeavored to fathom this question, we can see quite an advantage to the eye by reading from right to left. If we read from left to right, the parts read are yet continually before us; while, if reading from right to left, the parts read are then beyond our sight, and the parts to be read are unobstructed in view. Now, when we write from left to right, the line we are writing is rather of a delusion to the eye, while if we write from right to left nothing is immediately in front of our vision but a clear space. Even the pen and its shadow cease to exercise a less disturbing effect from right to left, while from left to right much annoyance is experienced by men who have much writing to do. Our observation shows that, unawares, people use their eyes from right to left whenever or wherever they go into those examination of anything, whatsoever that may be; just as they would naturally raise their right hand in order to get a clearer sense of feeling by touch.—*Hebrew Journal*.

BOOKS AND READING.

The *Century* for January is a capital number. Three continued stories, Au Large, The Graysons, and the Dusantes, by three such writers as Geo. W. Cable, Edward Eggleston, and Frank R. Stockton, make that department rich and readable. Dr. Phillip Schaff's article on the Catacombs of Rome is concise and exceedingly interesting. Stillman contributes an appreciative paper on John Ruskin (with a fine engraving), and Eugene V. Smalley an entertaining description of scenery and adventure in the Upper Missouri. Of similar interest is an An Elk-hunt on the Plains. Mark Twain's *Meisterschaft* in Three Acts is funny as—Mark Twain, and Henry S. Edwards's "De Valley an' De Shadder" is a weird story of the trial of a negro before a Southern Court. We hope to extract from Prof. Atwater's very thoughtful paper on Pecuniary Economy of Food. But people who lived in 1861 will read first and with intense interest the account of the Formation of the Cabinet in the Life of Abraham Lincoln, and live over again what stirred men's souls in that exciting crisis of our history.

Mr. Kennan's Russian article is on Provincial Prisons, and describes among other things the mode in which prisoners communicate with each other by means of the "Knock Alphabet," and with friends outside through the "checker board cipher."

The Woods Memorial Library Building in Barre was dedicated Dec. 30. Gov. Ames and other distinguished gentlemen being present. Judge Aldrich of Worcester made the address, saying among other good things that

"The value of a library as an institution of learning, or as a means of promoting popular education, did not depend upon the number of its books or the architectural splendor of the building. The real value has to be measured by the quality of the books and not by the number. He condemned the dime novel species as utterly worthless, but advocated the use of the higher class of fiction."

OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

The Churches.

At the South church, on Sunday, Mr. Blair preached from Matt. 6: 24—"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Rev. Dr. Selah Merrill assisted the pastor in the administration of the communion in the afternoon, at which time nine persons were received to the church, seven on confession of faith.

The rector of Christ church gave his people a New Year's sermon from Gen. 5: 5—"And he died." So did Pastor Makepeace at the Free church, his text being Heb. 12: 1.

Father Ryan at the church of St. Augustine, spoke from Luke 2: 21—the child's name called Jesus. The Baptist pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. Packer, D.D., a missionary from India, who preached in the morning on the Hope of Righteousness by faith—Gal. 5: 5. In the evening, he spoke of the Buddhist religion, which he explained as a virtually atheistic system, which had come into popular acceptance in the heathen world without the aid of force, and which held a third of the world's population under its influence.

At the Chapel church Professor Moore, who is the Seminary preacher for January, made Heb. 6: 1, his text for a sermon on the duty of Christians to "go on" in the apprehension of Christian truth. Rev. F. W. Greene at the West church preached an anniversary sermon from Ps. 116: 12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?"

At the annual meeting of the West church, Mr. Samuel H. Boutwell was elected Deacon to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dea. Nathan Moor.

The new Harvard St. Congregational church in Dorchester was dedicated Dec. 28. Rev. Dr. McKenzie preaching the sermon. On Sunday, Mr. D. T. Torrey of Andover conducted the morning service, and Professor Tucker the evening service.

Dr. Gulliver preached at Norwich, Ct., Professor Churchill at Kirk St. church in Lowell, Professor Taylor in the Central church in Providence and Professor Hinks at Cliftondale. Mr. A. D. Smith preached at Granby, Mass., and Mr. Geo. W. Patterson at Merrimack, N. H.

TOWNSMAN DIRECTORY
FOR 1888.

The Town.

Town Clerk and Collector: George A. Putnam. (In office afternoons of every week-day, holidays excepted, through the year.)

Town Treasurer: George H. Poor.
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor: Charles S. Parker, Samuel H. Boutwell, James P. Butterfield. (Meet at the Town-house on the first Monday of every month, at 10 A. M.)

School Committee: Luther H. Sheldon, E. Francis Holt, Felix G. Haynes. (Meet at the Town-house on the first Monday of every month at 2 P. M.)

Auditors of Accounts: Arthur Bliss, John H. Flint, Joseph M. Bradley.

Registrars of Voters: Henry McLawlin, Henry Isler, Lewis T. Hardy, Geo. A. Putnam, clerk of Board. (Meet at the Town-house every week, Wednesday or Friday evening, of months preceding the annual March meeting and November election.)

Constables: George F. Cheever, Walter S. Donald, Michael T. Welch.

Police: Geo. F. Cheever (chief), John W. Tough, Robert Bell, Henry Clukey, Michael T. Welch, Joshua H. Chandler, Henry K. Flint, Chas. N. Moulton, Wm. McTurnen, Richard Sherry, John Pray, Matthew Kelley, Joseph T. Lovejoy.

Road Commissioners: Henry A. Hayward, Charles W. Hayward, Joseph T. Lovejoy. (Meet monthly, same day as Selectmen, at 2 P. M.)

Field Drivers: Frederick J. Noyes, Ezra Farnham.

Surveyors of Lumber: Lewis T. Hardy, James P. Butterfield, John P. Abbott, Charles H. Marland, Joshua H. Chandler.

Superintendent of Alms-house, Pound-keeper, and Keeper of Lock-up: Walter B. Allen.

Street Lamp Committee: Jonathan M. Bean, John W. Bell, Felix G. Haynes.

Fire Engineers: Geo. W. Chandler (chief), Andrew McTurnen, Omar P. Chase, Nathan D. Mayo, Wm. H. Greene.

Forest Firewards: Charles W. Hayward, Wm. H. Greene, Joseph T. Lovejoy, John B. Jenkins.

Fish Committee: Geo. H. Poor, B. Frank Smith, Newton Jaquith, John H. Flint, Joseph T. Lovejoy.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: Geo. F. Cheever.

Public Weighers: J. M. Bean, John Chandler, John Cornell, Chas. H. Marland, Patrick Daley.

Surveyors of Wood: John Chandler, Geo. W. Chandler, John Cornell, Chas. H. Marland, John B. Abbott, Alvin Jenkins, Henry Boynton, Samuel H. Boutwell, Chas. C. Blunt, Albert A. Hardy.

Licensed Auctioneers: Geo. S. Cole, Samuel G. Bean.

Special Water Committee: John L. Smith, John Cornell, S. K. Johnson, Wm. S. Jenkins, Lewis T. Hardy.

Trial Justice: Geo. H. Poor.

Representative to General Court from 6th Essex District: Albert S. Manning of Andover.

Postmaster: Wm. G. Goldsmith.

Annual town meeting, the first Monday in March. Annual State election, on Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

Town pay-day, the first Monday of every month, except March.

The Public Schools.

Punchard Free School: Charles H. Clark; Principal; Martha Sprague, Florence M. Locke, Assistants.

Grammar: M. Abby Whitehouse, Principal; Carrie E. Berry, Susie M. Wilbur. *Centre:* 1st Intermediate, Anna E. Chase; 2d Intermediate, Annie B. Flint; 1st Primary, Mary E. Carter; 2d Primary, Abbie A. Richardson, Hattie E. Harnden, Edith McLawlin.

Abbott Village: Senior, Frances W. Meldrum; Intermediate, Emma E. Gould; Primary, Gertrude C. Mason.

Phillips: Martha A. Manning.

Holt: Anna D. Holt.

Scotland: Alice C. Jenkins.

Ballardale: Senior, Florence Ayer; Intermediate, Caroline T. Manning; Primary, Mary F. Browne, Annie O. S. Clemons.

Frye Village: Senior, Jennie H. Greaves;

Intermediate, Emma L. Ward; Primary, Mattie A. Jones.
West Centre: Hannah R. Bailey.
Osgood: Mary E. Manning.
Baileys: Nellie E. Boutwell.
Abbott: Carrie E. Stott.
North: Jennie A. Birnie.
Music Teacher: Edward Butterworth.

The County.

Judge of Probate and Insolvency: Geo. F. Choate, Salem.

Register of Probate and Insolvency: Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Salem; Assistant Register, Ezra D. Hines, Salem.

Sheriff: Horatio G. Herrick, Lawrence. Deputies for Northern District: Geo. S. Cole, Andover; Alanson Briggs, Elmer A. Briggs, Lawrence; Charles E. Goss, Methuen.

Clerk of Courts: Dean Peabody, Lynn; Assistant Clerk, George R. Lord, Salem. County Treasurer: E. Kendall Jenkins, Andover.

Registers of Deeds: Southern District, Charles S. Osgood, Salem; Northern District, John R. Poor, Lawrence.

County Commissioners: John W. Raymond, Beverly; Edward B. Bishop, Haverhill; David W. Low, Gloucester.

District Attorney: Henry F. Hurlburt, Lynn; Assistant, Charles A. De Courcy, Lawrence.

Councillor, 6th Councillor District: Francis Jewett, Lowell.

Senator, 6th Senatorial District: William T. McAlpine, Lawrence.

Medical Examiner for Fifth District: Octavius T. Howe, M. D., Lawrence.

The Courts.

Supreme Judicial Court: Salem, April 17, 3d Tuesday, and Nov. 6, first Tuesday.

Superior Court: *civil*, at Lawrence, March 5, first Monday; at Salem, June 4, first Monday, and Dec. 3, first Monday; at Newburyport, Sept. 3, first Monday;

criminal, at Salem, Jan. 23, fourth Monday; at Newburyport, May 7, first Monday; at Lawrence, Oct. 1, first Monday.

Probate: At Salem, first Monday of every month, and third Monday of every month except August; at Lawrence, second Monday of January, March, May, June, July, September and November; at Haverhill, third Monday of April and October; at Newburyport, fourth Monday of January, March, May, June, July, September and November; and at Gloucester, fourth Monday in April and October.

County Commissioners: at Ipswich, April 10, second Tuesday; at Salem, July 10, second Tuesday; at Lawrence, Aug. 28, last Tuesday; at Newburyport, Oct. 9, second Tuesday; at Salem, Ipswich, or Newburyport, Dec. 25, fourth Tuesday.

The State.

Governor: Oliver Ames, Easton.

Lieut. Governor: John Q. A. Brackett, Boston.

Secretary of the Commonwealth: Henry B. Pierce, Abington.

Treasurer: Alanson W. Beard, Boston.

Auditor: Charles R. Ladd, Springfield.

Attorney-General: Andrew J. Waterman, Springfield.

Adjutant-General: Samuel Dalton, Boston.

Chief Justice of Supreme Judicial Court: Marcus Morton, Andover.

Chief Justice of Superior Court: Lincoln F. Brigham, Salem.

United States Senators from Massachusetts: Henry L. Dawes, Pittsfield; George F. Hoar, Worcester.

Representative to Congress from 8th Congressional District: Charles H. Allen, Lowell.

The Nation.

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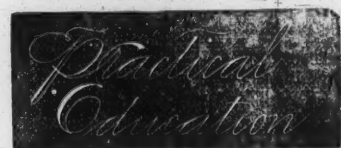
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ANDOVER TO BOSTON. A. M. 6:50 ex. ar. in Boston 7:38; 4:40 ex. ar. 8:55; 8:00 ex. ar. 9:15; 8:55 ex. ar. 9:18; 9:47 ex. ar. 10:55; 11:10 ex. ar. 12:26 P. M. 12:26 ex. ar. 1:15; 12:29 ex. ar. 1:30; 2:09 ex. ar. 3:02; 3:18 ex. ar. 4:15; 4:25 ex. ar. 5:20; 5:44 ex. ar. 6:42; 7:09 ex. ar. 8:19; 9:30 ex. ar. 10:30. SUNDAY: 7:49 ar. 8:48; 8:30 ar. 9:45; 12:20 ar. 1:20; P. M. 4:32 ar. 5:30; 5:53 ar. 7:1 ar. 8:55. All accommodation.

BOSTON TO ANDOVER. A. M. 6:00 ex. ar. in Andover 7:02; 7:30 ex. ar. 8:23; 9:30 ex. ar. 10:24; 10:25 ex. ar. 11:30; P. M. 12:00 ex. ar. 12:44; 12:02 ex. ar. 12:50; 2:15 ex. ar. 3:00; 3:30 ex. ar. 3:42; 3:20 ex. ar. 4:05; 4:02 ex. ar. 5:00; 5:00 ex. ar. 5:45; 6:00 ex. ar. 6:47; 6:55 ex. ar. 7:31; 7:00 ex. ar. 7:53; 11:00 ex. ar. 11:45. SUNDAY: A. M. 8:00 ex. ar. 9:00; P. M. 5:00 ex. ar. 6:14; 6:01 ex. ar. 6:47; 7:00 ex. ar. 8:00.

ANDOVER TO LOWELL. A. M. 7:40 ar. in Lowell 8:32; 8:31 ar. 9:00; 9:51 ar. 10:35; 10:35 ar. 11:00; 11:00 ar. 11:30; P. M. 12:26 ar. 1:03; 1:35 ar. 2:55; 2:44 ar. 3:12; 3:18 ar. 3:45; 4:25 ar. 5:05; 5:50 ar. 6:15; 7:12 ar. 7:42; 9:30 ar. 10:10. SUNDAY: A. M. 7:49 ar. 8:13; 8:31 ar. 9:18; P. M. 12:20 ar. 12:50; 4:32 ar. 5:00; 5:53 ar. 6:25; 7:31 ar. 8:30.

LOWELL TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7:10 ar. in Andover 7:52; 7:53 ar. 8:23; 8:55 ar. 9:00; 11:00 ar. 11:30; P. M. 12:15 ar. 12:44; 1:00 ar. 1:23; 3:00 ar. 3:42; 3:40 ar. 4:05; 5:10 ar. 5:45; 6:15 ar. 6:47; 6:55 ar. 7:31; 11:10 ar. 11:45. SUNDAY: 8:20 ar. 9:05; P. M. 5:49 ar. 6:14; 7:30 ar. 8:05.

ANDOVER TO LAWRENCE. A. M. 7:02, 7:32, 8:23, 9:00, 10:24, 11:30; P. M. 12:44, 1:23, 3:00, 3:42, 4:05, 5:00, 5:45, 6:47, 7:31, 7:53. SUNDAY: A. M. 9:00; P. M. 6:14, 6:47, 8:05.

LAWRENCE TO ANDOVER. A. M. 6:40, 7:30, 7:55, 8:20, 9:35, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00; P. M. 12:15, 12:17, 1:10, 2:00, 2:35, 3:00, 4:15, 5:40, 7:02, 7:05, 9:30. SUNDAY: 7:40, 8:15; P. M. 12:10, 4:25, 5:37, 7:44.

*From South side.

ANDOVER TO SALEM. A. M. 7:32, arrive in Salem 8:40; P. M. 12:53 ar. 2:03; 3:45 ar. 6:55.

SALEM TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7:00 arrive in Andover 8:33; 11:32 ar. 1:35; P. M. 4:43 ar. 5:50; 6:00 ar. 7:12. Via Wakefield Junction, 10:35 ar. 11:30; 1:55 ar. 3:06.

GOING EAST. A. M. 7:02, 7:32, 8:23, 9:00, 10:24, 11:30; P. M. 12:58, 1:23, 3:42, 4:05, 5:45, 6:47, 7:53. SUNDAY: A. M. 9:00; P. M. 6:47, 8:05.

H. to Haverhill only. N. connects to Newburyport.

GOING NORTH, VIA MAINE. A. M. 8:23; P. M. 12:44, 5:00, 5:45. SUNDAY: A. M. 9:00; P. M. 6:47.

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MAILS OPEN: from Boston, 8:00, 4:30, 5:15; from Lawrence, 8:30, 1:30, 6:15; from East, 1:30, 7:45; from North, 1:30, 6:15.

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THE CHURCHES.

SOUTH CHURCH.

Organized 1711. Rev. J. J. Blah, pastor. Morning service, 10:30; evening, 7:15; Wednesday evening, 7:30; SUNDAY SCHOOL, Geo. S. Minor, Supt., 11:45; SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, Sunday evening, 8:00. Sexton, Oliver W. Vennard, Central St.

WEST CHURCH.

Organized 1826. Rev. Frederick W. Greene, pastor. Morning service, 10:30; evening, 7:15; at Osgood school-house, Sunday evening, 7:15; Friday evening, 7:30; SUNDAY SCHOOL, Peter D. Smith, Supt., 12:00; CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, Wednesday evening, Sexton, Daniel W. Trow.

FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Organized 1846. Rev. F. B. Makepeace, pastor. Morning service, 10:30; evening, 7:30; Wednesday evening, 7:30; at Smith Hall, Sunday evening, 7:30; SUNDAY SCHOOL, John W. Bell, Supt., 11:45; CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, Sunday evening, 6:30. Sexton, Stillman H. Harnden, Essex St.

CHAPEL CHURCH.

Organized 1865. Professors of Theological Seminary, pastors. Morning service, 10:30; afternoon, 2:30; Wednesday evening, 7:30; SUNDAY SCHOOL, Prof. W. B. Graves, Supt., 11:30. Sexton, F. M. Hill.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Organized 1835. Rev. Leverett Bradley, pastor. Morning service, 10:30; evening, 7:15; SUNDAY SCHOOL, 12:00; Children's service first Sunday in month, 3:30, in place of evening service. Holy Communion, first Sunday in month, 10:30, third Sunday, 9:30. Sexton, Geo. O. Hill, Summer St.

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Organized 1852. Rev. J. J. Ryan, pastor. Holy Communion, 8: High Mass and sermon, 10:45; Vespers, 3: SUNDAY SCHOOL, 12:00. Sexton, Joseph Keenan, at parsonage.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Organized 1858. Rev. H. R. Wilbur, present supply. Morning service, 10:30; evening, 7:30; Wednesday evening, 7:30; SUNDAY SCHOOL, Chas. N. L. Stone, Supt., 11:45. Sexton, Henry A. Hill.

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Meal "	1.40
" oat, per lb.,	3 1/2 c. to 4 1/2 c.
Oats, per bag,	95 c. to 100 c.
Shorts, per 100 lbs.,	\$1.20 to \$1.25
Tea,	25 c. to 30 c.
Coffee,	25 c. to 35 c.
Sugar, gran.,	7 1/2 c. to 8 c.
" brown,	1 1/2 c. to 7 c.
Butter,	22 c. to 32 c.
Cheese,	16 c. to 17 c.
Eggs,	to 36 c.
Lard,	9 c. to 10 c.
Potatoes, per bu.,	to \$1.50
Onions, " peck,	30 c.
Beans,	60 c. to 75 c.
Cranberries, per bu.,	\$2.30 to 3.20
Apples, per bu.,	\$1.50 to 2.50
Ham, per lb.,	12 c. to 13 c.
Pork, roast,	12 c.
" salt,	12 c.
Beef, roast,	10 c. to 28 c.
" steak,	10 c. to 28 c.
Mutton,	10 c. to 20 c.
Lamb roast,	10 c. to 20 c.
" chops,	15 c. to 25 c.
Veal,	10 c. to 20 c.
Sausages,	12 c.
Chickens,	14 c. to 17 c.
Fowls,	14 c.
Turkeys,	15 c. to 18 c.
Codfish,	5 c. to 10 c.
" dry,	7 c. to 11 c.
Smelts,	10 to 15 c.
Halibut,	36 c. to 25 c.
Haddock,	7 c. to 9 c.
Clams, per qt.,	25 c.
Oysters, "	30 c. to 40 c.
Hay, per 100 lbs.,	85 c. to \$1.00
Straw, "	\$1.05 to \$1.10
Coal, furnace, per ton,	\$7.75
" egg,	\$8.00
" stove,	\$8.25

Money Market.

STOCK QUOTATIONS reported by GOULD, HALL, and MILLS, Bankers and Brokers, No. 7 Exchange Place, Boston.

At 3 P. M., Thursday, Jan. 5, 1888.

	bid	asked
Aetna,	95 7/8	96
New York and New England,	37 1/8	37 1/2
Mexican Central,	14 1/4	14 3/8
Mexican 4 per cent Bonds,	67 3/8	
C. B. and Q.,	128	128 1/2
Union Pacific,	57 1/4	57 1/2
West End Land,	24	24 1/8
Sandusky,	29	21
San Diego Land,	52 1/4	53 1/4
Oscoda Mining Company,	21 1/2	22
Frenchman's Bay,	8 1/8	8 1/4
Bell Telephone,	213	218
Cahomet and Hecla,	190	

The Market continues dull, but prices are well maintained. Total amount of sales at the Boston Stock Exchange to-day, 11,810 shares of stock and \$216,300 Bonds.

Card.

Mrs. Charles Smith desires to thank the Hook and Ladder Company and the Fire Company for their prompt response to the alarm of fire at her house on the evening of Dec. 31.

Special Notices.

The monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club will be Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. at the lower town hall. Subject, Can the keeping of poultry be made profitable on the farm? Speeches: Henry Boynton, Henry M. Hayward, Geo. F. Baker. The Committee on visiting farms may report. Public cordially invited to attend.

The Annual Church Meeting of the South Church will be held next Monday evening.

Installation of G. A. R. officers to-night.

The Free Church will hold its evening service hereafter at 7 o'clock, as before. The postponed New Year's entertainment will be given at the vestry Tuesday evening, Jan. 10.

The Steamer Company will have their second masquerade party at the Town Hall Friday evening, Jan. 20.

Advertised Letters, Jan. 2, 1888.

Persons calling will please give the date of this list.

Ackerley, Annie	Kelley, Rose
Ayelsworth, P.	Keirnan, Mary P.
Burgess, John	Kimball, Albert
Black, T. D.	Lewis, Geo.
Barrett, Wm.	Martin, C. B.
Barret, John	Martin, Prof. C. B.
Bailey, Sarah	McMillan, E.
Bailey, James	Merrill, Cath.
Crowley, Con.	Morrison, Clara
Crowell, J. C.	Reish, Mrs.
Craig, Ida	Robbins, Rosa
Carter, Sarah	Roche, E. C.
Canaan, Pat.	Ronan, Wm.
Cameron, Lizzie	Shea, Mary
Dyer, H. N.	Stolt, Jennie
Doble, Mamie	Sullivan, Julia
Darling, Hattie	Vaughn, J. T.
Fairbairn, A. M.	Walker, Mrs.
Fitch, Willie L.	Ward, Joseph Rev.
Flint, Annie	Weber, W. H.
Flint, Edward	Wilkinson, John
Holt, Emma	Woods, Millie Miss
Kendall, A. P.	

WILLIAM G. GOLDSMITH, P. M.

MARRIAGES.

In Wilmington, Jan. 4, by Rev. C. U. Dunning of Lawrence, Mr. Almon A. Bush of Ballardvale and Miss Laura Buck of Wilmington.

DEATHS.

In Andover, Dec. 31, Mary Homer Eames, niece of Mr. Plato Eames, aged 25 years.

In Andover, Jan. 3, Mrs. Margaret (Higgins) Donovan, wife of Dennis Donovan, aged 58 years.

In North Andover, Dec. 30, Sidney son of Wallace W. Chickering, aged 11 years.

CURRENT COMMENT.

What the Mayors say about the Liquor Law.

The law has been enforced. It can and must be enforced. The experience of the past has proved that the police are able and competent to enforce this law, and that there is no excuse for any failure. Any officer who neglects, evades, or shirks this duty will be held to strict account.—Mayor of Cambridge.

I suggest, what from practical experience I have had leads me to believe would be a beneficial measure, that the law also be so changed that saloons or licensed places be obliged to close at 10 o'clock in the evening, and also on legal holidays.—Mayor of Salem.

The beneficial results arising from its effectual enforcement are apparent in the marked decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness, assaults, and other crimes caused by the influence of intoxicating drinks.—Mayor of Malden.

I believe in a thorough enforcement of the law. I believe that its enforcement should be carried to the uttermost limit that an active, intelligent, and persistent police force, using honorable and manly means, can carry it.—Mayor of Chelsea.

Drunkenness in the city has steadily increased with the increase of licenses. The arrests and prosecutions for this charge are now respectively 2501 and 2121 against 1576 and 498 ten years ago.—Mayor of Lowell.

By vote of our fellow citizens, no licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors can be granted during this municipal year, and as all licenses of this character expire May 1 next, on and after that the law becomes prohibitory, and must be impartially enforced.—Mayor of Lawrence.

The officers will enforce the law or be replaced by men who will.—Mayor of Northampton.

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